[Translation]

Central Adoption Resource Agency

5394. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN *alias* PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which the Central Adoption Resource Agency was set up alongwith the purpose thereof;

(b) the details of the programmes implemented in Bihar by the said Agency so far and the programmes proposed to be implemented in the forthcoming years;

(c) whether any programme is proposed to be implemented for the welfare of the helpless children of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes of most backward district Purnea; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA) was set up on 28.6.90 by the Ministry of Welfare, as per the directions of the Supreme Court in Laxmi Kant Pandey Vs. Union of India case. The main objective of CARA is to act as a clearing house of information in regard to children available for in-country and inter-country adoption and to regulate, monitor and develop programmes for the rehabilitation of children through adoption. The Ministry of Welfare through CARA is implementing the Central Sector Scheme of Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) for Infants to promote in-country adoption since 1992-93, wherein assistance is given to Voluntary Organisations for running of Children's Homes and placement of children in Indian Adoption. Recognition is also given by CARA to Voluntary Agencies for doing inter-country adoptions.

(b) So far the State Government of Bihar has not forwarded any proposals from the Voluntary Agencies in the State of Bihar for availing assistance under the Shishu Greh Scheme or for recognition to process the cases of inter-country adoption.

(c) and (d) The revised guidelines on Adoption has been notified on 29.5.1995 and circulated to all State Governments including Bihar. The State Government inter-alia maintain a list of all agencies handling in-country and inter-country adoption of children and identify those institutions/agencies which have children who are legally free for adoption. The State Government should recognise Indian adoption agencies for in-country adoption as per the procedure laid down and forward applications of Indian agencies seeking recognition for inter-country adoption to the Central Adoption Resource Agency (CARA).

So far we have not received any communication from Bihar Government, forwarding proposals of any Voluntary Organisation for either grants under Shishu Greh Scheme or for recognition to process cases for inter-country adoption for Purnea District.

The programmes of Shishu Greh as well as recognition of Voluntary Organisation for inter-country adoption is for children who are destitute, orphaned, abandoned and relinquished, irrespective of caste or religion.

[English]

Armed Passenger Boarded on Private Aircraft

5395. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that an armed passenger boarded on private Airlines aircraft at Jammu Airport while the aircraft was about to take off from the taxi holding position;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such an act is a major security lapse; and

(d) if so, the steps and action taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Minority in Cinema

5396. SHRI NAVAL KISHORE RAI :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state .

(a) whether the depiction of christians in films and especially assigning christian names to Villians and other bad people has come to the notice of the Government as reported in the 'Daily Tribune' dated July 8, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard so far ?

The MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Archbishop of Bombay has forwarded to Government a letter from the Catholic Communication Centre, Bombay, which refers to complaints from the Christian community about depiction of Christians in films in a bad light, especially assigning Christian names to villians and other bad people.